GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3587
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2010
REMOTE VILLAGE ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME
Deo Shri Kalikesh Narayan Singh

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria and definition of an electrified village under the Remote Village Electrification Scheme;

(b) whether under the scheme a village is declared electrified when 100 per cent houses in a village are provided electricity connections;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any mechanism to check the levels of electrified villages under the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH)

(a),(b)&(c): In accordance with approved definition of village electrification, remote villages will be deemed to be electrified if a minimum of 10% of the households are provided with electricity and electricity is also made available for community facilities and for Dalit Bastis of the village, if any. However, as per the National Rural Electrification Policy, 2006, villages using isolated lighting technologies like solar photovoltaic, may not be designated as electrified.

(d) & (e): As per the laid down guidelines of Remote Village Electrification Programme, financial support is provided to state implementing agencies for coverage of upto 100% of the households in an eligible village. However, the actual level of coverage is decided by the state implementing agencies in consultation with the village panchayats.